

SSUDAC Meeting Summary
December 15th, 2014

Members Present: Brian Abramson, Carmen Camacho, Don Hague, Suzy Zusy

Members Absent: Mussie Betre, Dan Figueroa, Mel Tull, United Therapeutics

Call to Order and Introductions:

- Mr. Don Hague, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

Reports:

Updates on County Development Projects

Greg Ossont, MCG Department of General Services

- Mr. Ossont provided an overview of current County development projects in the downtown Silver Spring area.
- The new Silver Spring library is nearly complete, with the library department expected to occupy the building in February. The department will require 6-8 weeks to move in to the space and the estimated operating opening will be in April.
- The County has sent out a solicitation for a local small business to open a coffee shop within the library.
- Additional development on the library site includes a small park at Bonifant St. & Fenton St. and senior housing project on an adjacent site.
- Pyramid Atlantic had entered an application to occupy a portion of the new library's space but was denied.
- The vacated current library space will be put under a 'reuse review' by the Office of Management & Budget to evaluate any other County departmental needs for the space.
- Progress Place will be moved to the area directly behind Firestation One on Georgia Ave. The first 3 floors will be Progress Place offices and the fourth floor will be transitional housing for residents. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2015.
- The vacated police station at 801 Sligo Ave. is being considered for a Department of Housing and Community Affairs artist housing project. Proposals have been turned in and the department is set to conduct interviews in mid-January. The space would be a set of art spaces and live/work studio spaces.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas Dialogue

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, Silver Spring Regional Center

- Mr. Rodriguez presented information on pedestrian walkways and bikeways in the Central Business District.
- The MCG Department of Transportation and the Maryland State Highway Administration will hold a meeting on January 26th to discuss the proposed walk and bikeways.
- Committee members discussed the proposal as well as the map and other supporting documents presented and stated that more information was needed from the presenting agencies.

Regional Area Director's Report

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, Silver Spring Regional Center

- Mr. Richard Bingham has been appointed the Silver Spring Urban District's new Chief of Operations.
- Mr. Rodriguez discussed various issues related to the SSUD's budget, including a mandatory 3% budget cut for all departments as well as the County-wide hiring freeze.
- Mr. Rodriguez suggested that committee members draft a letter regarding the Urban District budget and its access to Parking Lot District funds to share with various networks to gain support for reducing its budget cut.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.